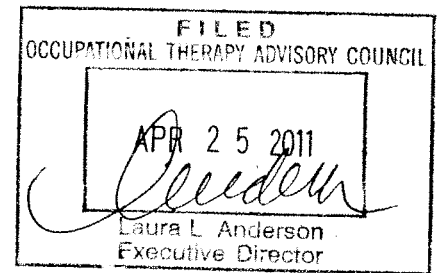


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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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| IN THE MATTER OF | : | |
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| Kathleen G. DiFebo | : | Administrative Action |
| License No. 46TR00049100 | : | |
| | : | CONSENT ORDER |
| Licensed to Practice Occupational Therapy | : | |
| in the State of New Jersey | : | |
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The New Jersey Occupational Therapy Advisory Council ("Council") reviewed information in connection with Michelle M. Bayer's application for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant. Ms. Bayer reported that she had practiced as a contract employee under the supervision of Kathleen G. DiFebo, ("Ms. DiFebo" or "respondent"), who is a licensed occupational therapist. Based on its review, the Council determined that Ms. DiFebo supervised Ms. Bayer between September 2009 and June 2010, a period when Ms. Bayer was not licensed to practice as an occupational therapy assistant.

These facts provide a basis for disciplinary action as respondent's conduct

constitutes aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of occupational therapy assisting in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n).

It appearing that the respondent desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings and the Council finding entry of the Consent Order to be in the public interest;

IT IS ON THIS 18th day of March, 2011,

ORDERED and AGREED that:

1. Kathleen G. DiFebo shall cease and desist from violating the laws and regulations governing the practice of occupational therapy.
2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500 and costs in the amount of \$274.50. The penalty and costs shall be paid in twelve payments: the first payment of \$299.50 shall be due by May 1, 2011, and the remaining eleven payments of \$225.00 shall be due on the first day of each succeeding month until all payments are completed. Payments shall be by check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to Laura L. Anderson, Executive Director, Occupational Therapy Advisory Council, P.O. Box 45037, Newark, New Jersey 07101, upon entry of this order.
3. Failure to remit any payment required by this Consent Order will result in the filing of a certificate of debt.

4. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order may result in further disciplinary action.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL

By: Betty Thomas
Betty Thomas, Chair

I have read and I understand
this Consent Order and agree to be
bound by its terms. I further
consent to the entry of
this Order.

Kathleen G. DiFebo
Kathleen G. DiFebo

3/18/11
Date

I consent to the form and entry of this
order.

E. Gregory M. Cannarozzi
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3/18/11
Date